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WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERScore THE SENSITIVITY
OF THE ISSUE OF BRITISH TROOPS IN RHODESIA. PARAGRAPH
FOUR OF REFTel MENTIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF A BRITISH
BATTALION AS ONE OF THE COMPONENTS OF A COMMONWEALTH
FORCE IN RHODESIA. THE THOUGHT ALONE IS AN EXTRAORDINARY
DEPARTURE FROM BRITISH POLICY WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON
A BIPARTISAN BASIS OVER MORE THAN A DECADE. IT IS A CON-
SIDERABLE ADVANCE BEYOND OWEN'S OWN THINKING OF JUST A
MONTH AGO WHEN HE CONSIDERED DISPATCHING INDIVIDUAL
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OFFICERS TO RHODESIA AS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE.
WE WANT TO STRESS THAT THE IDEA OF A BRITISH BATTALION
IN RHODESIA HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN CABINET HERE AND
WOULD HAVE A LONG, HARD WAY TO GO BEFORE IT RECEIVED
MINISTERIAL APPROVAL.

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